

## BRIDGE ACROSS SABINE RIVER.

JANUARY 29, 1897.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRICE, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3303.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3303) entitled "An act to authorize the construction by the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf Railroad Company of a bridge across the Sabine River, between the States of Louisiana and Texas," submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass.

Attached hereto is a letter from Brigadier-General Craighill, Chief of Engineers, which is made a part of this report.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,  
UNITED STATES ARMY,  
*Washington, D. C., December 14, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a letter, dated the 10th instant, from the Senate Committee on Commerce, inclosing for the views of the War Department thereon S. 3303, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session, "A bill to authorize the construction by the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf Railroad Company of a bridge across the Sabine River between the States of Louisiana and Texas," and in reply to its reference to this office I beg to say that the bill makes ample provision for the protection of the navigation interests, and I know of no objection to its passage by Congress so far as those interests are concerned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. P. CRAIGHILL,  
*Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers.*

Hon. DANIEL S. LAMONT,  
*Secretary of War.*